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HITOMI MATSUSHITA

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

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REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6640]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 6640) for the relief of Hitomi Matsushita, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to waive the racial barrier to admission into the United States in behalf of the minor Japanese stepchild of a United States citizen serviceman. The child would be considered to be a nonquota immigrant which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is the minor Japanese stepchild of Sgt. Paul C. Henry, who was married to the child's mother in Japan on August 8, 1941. The mother is eligible to enter the United States as the wife of a United States citizen serviceman under the provisions of Public Law 6 of the Eighty-second Congress.

Representative Marguerite S. Church, the author of the bill, submitted to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives the following statement in connection with the bill:

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF H. R. 6640, A BILL FOR THE RELIEF OF HITOMI MATSUSHITA

Sgt. Paul C. Henry, RA36638881, is a citizen of the United States and a member of the Armed Forces thereof. He married Tomiko Matsushita on August 8, 1951, while he was stationed in Japan with the Army.

Tomiko Matsushita is the natural mother of Hitomi Matsushita, a minor child born of a previous marriage. The father of said minor child is deceased and unless

the above-captioned bill is passed, the mother will be forced to make a choice between following her husband to the United States and abandoning her child, or breaking the marriage and remaining in Japan.

Sergeant Henry has agreed that he will support the minor child if allowed to bring her to the United States and on no account will allow her to become a public charge. He has further agreed that he will adopt said minor child in a proceeding in a court of competent jurisdiction as soon as is practicable after the child arrives in the United States.

Sergeant Henry has recently been returned to duty in the United States. Mrs. Henry is now waiting in Japan pending the outcome of the action of this bill.

For the foregoing reasons, I believe the above-captioned bill to be both fair and equitable. I respectfully request that it be acted upon without delay.

MARGUERITE STITT CHURCH, M. C.

In addition, Mrs. Church submitted the following documents with reference to the case:

AFFIDAVIT

Paul C. Henry of the city of North Chicago, and county of Lake, State of Illinois, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

(1) He is a citizen of the United States, having been born at North Chicago, Ill., on January 6, 1923.

(2) He is the lawful husband of Tomiko Matsushita, a Japanese national, having married her at Kobe, Honshu, Japan, on August 8, 1951.

(3) That said Tomiko Matsushita is the natural mother of Hitomi Matsushita, a minor child born of a previous marriage, born at Osaka, Honshu, Japan, on the 25th day of January 1945.

(4) That the father of said minor child is deceased.

(5) That he will support said minor child if allowed to bring her to the United States, and on no account will allow her to become a public charge.

(6) That he will adopt said minor child in a proceeding in a court of competent jurisdiction as soon as is practicable after said minor child arrives in the United States.

(7) That the foregoing statements are made for the purpose of inducing the Congress of the United States to adopt a private bill to effect entry of said minor child to the United States.

[SEAL] PAUL C. HENRY.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of February at North Chicago, Ill.

[SEAL] FRANK PEZDIR,
Officer Authorized To Administer Oath.

AFFIDAVIT

Name in full: Matsushita Tomiko.
Date of birth: September 14, 1922.
Address: 60 3-chome Bishoencho Abenoku, Osaka.

Matsushita Tomiko is gentle, honest, and jolly in her nature. Moreover, she is so domestic in her daily behaviors that I am firm in my belief that she will be a good wife to her husband and a good mother to her children.

The person mentioned above is an intimate friend of Akiko, my second daughter, and I had an opportunity of studying her character closely. To the best of my knowledge, she is decent, honest, jolly, and gentle. In short, she is a fine typical Japanese woman.

NAKAJIRO TOMITA,
Judge, Osaka Higher Court of Justice.

MARCH 23, 1952.

AFFIDAVIT

Name in full: Matsushita Tomiko.
Date of birth: September 14, 1922.
Address: 60 3-chome Bishoencho Abenoku, Osaka.

The person mentioned above is known well to me, for her mother, Fumi, and her eldest daughter, Hitomi, live in the neighborhood of my house. Moreover, her sister's couple was residing in the same town of mine until recently.

Matsushita Tomiko is from a family of the middle class, and has middle school education. She is healthy and jolly in her nature, and her thought is sound and mild. Furthermore, I am of the opinion that she has all the good points of the typical Japanese woman.

Dr. MASAEMON MATSUDA,
3279 Tennojicho, Higashisumiyoshiku, Osaka.

MARCH 23, 1952.

AFFIDAVIT

Name in full: Matsushita Tomiko,
Date of birth: September 14, 1922.
Address: 60 3-chome Bishoencho Abenoku, Osaka.

I declare on my honor that the following are true and correct in every detail.

1. Matsushita Tomiko is one of my intimate friends at my girlhood, and, accordingly, I know her well.
2. She was studious and made a good school record. She was a girl of irreproachable conducts. Moreover, she was gentle and jolly.
3. She is domestic. She has a sound and gentle thought.
4. She is now studying English very hard.

(Mrs.) CHIYOKO KUSUMOTO,
Chief Instructor in English, Wakayama Municipal Meiwa Junior High School.

MARCH 23, 1952.

NORTH CHICAGO, ILL., *April 1, 1952.*

To Whom This May Concern:

Having known Paul C. Henry since he was a baby, I have no hesitancy in saying that he is a young man of excellent character, honest and dependable.

His family are well known and respected citizens of this community.

ROY E. SHOUP,
Retired Sergeant of Police of This City.

NORTH CHICAGO, ILL., *April 1, 1952.*

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Paul Henry for more than 15 years.

His moral character has been above reproach and his honesty and sincerity cannot be questioned.

I am sure that whatever task that he would be assigned or asked to do that it would be done in a very capable and efficient manner.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD F. VLACK, Jr.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 6640) should be enacted.

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